



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Alyson Luther, Director
OIS, Rtl, Textbook Adoption, and Title III

DATE: September 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Section 9524

In order to receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act ("ESEA") of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, a Local Education Agency (LEA) must certify in writing to its State Education Agency (SEA) that no policy of the LEA prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools as set forth in Section 9524 of the ESEA. An LEA must provide this certification to the SEA on an annual basis.

Therefore, the enclosed certificate of assurance must be signed and returned to the Indiana Department of Education by October 1, 2010 in order to be eligible for funds under the ESEA. The certificate of assurance can be scanned and emailed, faxed or mailed to:

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